COMPONENT		PATTERN OF ASSISTANCE
II.	Sustainable Development of	Sugarcane Based Cropping System.
1.	Field Demonstration	Rs. 5000 for 0.5 ha.
2.	Supply of implements	(0 Bullock drawn @ 50% cost limited to Rs. 2000 per unit.
		m Tractor drawn @ 25% cost limited to Rs. 7500 per unit.
3.	Drip Irrigation	(0 Infrastructure @ 90% cost limited to Rs. 25000 per ha. to small & marginal, SC/ST & women farmers and 70% cost limited to Rs. 25000 per ha to other farmers.
		(«) Drip demonstration of Rs. 22500 per ha.

Accounts of N.D.D.B

1099 SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned Order of N.D.D .B. accounts auditing put on hold' which appeared in the 'Economic Times' dated 20th June, 1997;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction to the news report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) On the request of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) The Government of India had conveyed the approval of the President of undertake audit of accounts of the National Dairy development Board (NDDB) for the financial years 1988-89 to 1995-96 under Section 14(2) of the Comptroller & Auditor General's (Duties, Powers and Conditions of Services) Act, 1971. The NDDB subsequently pointed out that its case was covered under Section 15(2) of the said act and, as such, was not liable to audit by CAG. Pending a reference to the Ministry of Law on the subject, the CAG has been requested not to proceed with the audit.

Wheat Production

1100. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of be AGRICULTURE pleased to state:

(a) what has been the year-wise and State-wise output and acreage of wheat in the country over the past five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that some constraints are being felt in the matter of increasing wheat production in the country;

(c) whether any steps are being taken to overcome these constraints?

THE MINISTER OF ST ATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) A statement giving years-wise and Statewise output and acreage of wheat in the country over the past five years is enclosed in the Statement. *(See* below)

(b) and (c) No, Sir. During 1996-97, country has achieved the record production of wheat amounting to 68.7 million tonnes.

(d) In order to increase the production and productivity of wheat, the Government is implementing Integrated Cereal Development Programme in Wheat Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Wheat) under which incentives are given to farmers to adopt the latest available technology.

Statement

Statewise Area & Production of Wheat from 1992-93 to 1996-97

Area-'OOO Hectares
Production-'OOO tonnes

STATE	1992-93		1993-94		1994-95		1995-96		1996-97	
	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P
Andhra Pradesh	10	8	11	6	11	8	9	5	9	6
Assam	74	79	79	101	80	104	86	95	100	110
Bihar	1974	3450	2070	4357	2071	4275	2072	4181	2230	4409
Gujarat	611	1360	487	928	721	1962	506	1124	518	1166
Haryana	1956	7083	1998	7231	1986	7303	1991	7350	2016	7697
Himachal Pradesh	367	594	374	413	379	599	379	544	370	590
Jammu & Kashmir	249	347	248	352	239	349	239	349	248	437
Karnataka	224	158	237	192	243	172	219	150	233	192
Madhya Pradesh	3672	5243	4148	6767	4193	7279	4008	6468	4206	7384
Maharashtra	680	798	753	1056	767	1111	702	898	799	1127
Orissa	6	8	4	5	5	7	4	5	4	5
Punjab	3281	12369	3335	13377	3311	13542	3282	12724	3226	13678
Rajasthan	2251	5148	2013	3460	2322	5613	2196	5493	2464	6794
Uttar Pradesh	8908	19834	9030	20822	8995	22560	9052	22203	9151	24200
West Bengal	272	587	307	632	326	745	326	850	350	774
Others	54	144	53	141	51	138	51	181	50	138
ALL INDIA	24589	57210	25147	59840	25700	65767	25122	62620	25974	68707